

Log of Meeting

Subject: Courtesy visit by Lester Kowalsky, National Swimming Pool Foundation

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Bethesda, MD

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Commission Attendees: Ann Brown, Chairman
Jacqueline Elder, EXHR
Myra Karstadt, Counselor to the Chairman

Non-Commission Attendees: Lester Kowalsky, Chairman of the Board
of Directors, National Swimming
Pool Foundation

Summary of Meeting:

Mr. Kowalsky requested the meeting to introduce himself and to discuss the activities of the National Swimming Pool Foundation (NSPF). Mr. Kowalsky noted that NSPF undertakes activities related to swimming pools in the areas of safety, education, and research. One of the major activities of NSPF is the development and conduct of a Certified Pool/Spa Operator program. In addition, the Foundation has recently funded studies on the risk of swimming pool injury, on diving trajectories and on the effects of alcohol on diving.

Mr. Kowalsky noted that he is currently Chairman of the National Swimming Pool Safety Committee (NSPSC), the major activity of which is the publication of Operation Water Watch, an annual national aquatic safety campaign. He invited CPSC to participate on the NSPSC. Chairman Brown indicated that she will consider the invitation. Chairman Brown emphasized that CPSC's focus in the area of swimming pool safety is on encouraging the use of barriers to restrict access of young children to home swimming pools.